

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 20, with the following replacement paragraph:

The processor 18, upon having classified the received signaling message, selects one of the destination links based on classifying the received signaling message to a corresponding class. In particular, the processor 18 accesses the routing table [[22]] 20 to find a matching message class entry 24 that corresponds to the identified message class for the received signaling message. The processor is then able to retrieve at least one destination link identifier from the message class entry 24 for the corresponding destination link 16 assigned to the message class for the received signaling message.

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